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GROUP 2861  
PATENT APPLICATION

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Minoru USUI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/242,490 ✓

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

24. (Once amended) An ink supply passage structure according to claim 20, further comprising:  
a filter located opposite said axial terminus of the second ink supply path.

26. (Once amended) An ink supply passage structure according to claim 20, wherein a plurality of grooves are arranged along an inner circumference of the second ink supply path so

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